Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging Executive Committee Meeting Minutes May 6, 2020

<u>Call to Order</u>: Susan Frederick, ACOA President, called the meeting to order at 9:30am; meeting was conducted by conference call due to COVID19 Shelter-in-Place provisions.

Present: Susan Frederick, Jim Donnelly, Jennifer Doran, Kevin Donovan, Steve Lipson, Gail

Garrett, Shirley Krohn, Mary Rose, Mary Bruns, Gerald Richards

Absent: Richard Nahm

Staff: Laura Cepoi, Anthony Macias

Public Comment / Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- No public comments
- Adoption of Today's Agenda: Moved to approve by Shirley, motioned 2nd by Gerald, unanimously adopted.
- Adoption of May 2020 Minutes: amendment to minutes- section regarding flyers for Elder Abuse Prevention month were created by Adult Protective Services (APS), and Mary Rose assisted distribution. Minutes stand as corrected.

Announcements and Correspondence: Susan Frederick

None

<u>President's Report</u>: Susan Frederick

- Good news is DeSaulnier is well and back to work; video from his campaign about his recovery;
- Concern of elder physical/emotional abuse during this pandemic; down 40% in reports;
 Fam Justice center working with others to host 4 weekly elder abuse prevention events;
 can register on Eventbrite for these events; hopes the Elder WG can work with the APS program on this;
- Discussion: Mary rose became offended that Susan spoke about the Elder Abuse events and felt that she is not being respected as the chair of the council; Mary Rose decided that she could no longer stay on the call.
- Rest of E-C weighed in on what occurred.
- Steve: table this issue for now (Elder Abuse WG) so that E-C can have time to review and place on next months agenda.
- Gerald: Personal issue with Susan and Mary Rose, not for a public forum such as this
 meeting, perhaps this is better handled as a personnel issue and have a meeting with
 both parties and Laura and Anthony.
- Thank Steve for helping her setting up with her PC with Zoom

AAA Program Manager Report: Laura Cepoi (absent)

- AAA funding should be fine as we are federally funding;
- there will be a county hiring freeze;
- IHSS program 7% cuts in program;

IHSS workforce is down;

Discussion: Elder Abuse Prevention Workgroup presentation- Susan Frederick (This agenda item has been tabled until next meeting on July 1, 2020)

Consent Item:

Letter opposing placing COVID 19 positive patients in Assisted living communities- Gerald Richards; Unanimous approval to send letter.

Committee Reports:

<u>Planning Committee:</u> Kevin Donovan – No June meeting due to Shelter-in-Place. Kevin would like to know when we can begin having wg meetings again.

<u>Membership Committee Report</u>: Jennifer Doran – No June meeting due to Shelter-in-Place. Oakley seat vacant; waiting for BOS approval of Nancy and Moraga seat

<u>Health Work Group</u> – Susan Frederick – No June meeting due to Shelter-in-Place.

<u>Transportation Work Group (SMAC)</u>: Mary Bruns—Zoom meetings is only \$15 per month; SMAC will be discussing having a town hall meeting for upcoming SMAC meeting; various voices about SIP and how people are coping.

<u>Technology Work Group</u>: Steve Lipson – A meeting will be scheduled in June utilizing Zoom.

<u>Housing Work Group</u>: Gerry Richards – WG held a 5/18 meeting utilizing Zoom; Shelter Inc. presentation; eviction hotline; ability to pay rents, utility bills, case managers to asses for needs as well as funding.

Elder Abuse Prevention Work Group: Mary Rose – No report.

<u>Senior Nutrition Project Council Report</u>: Gail Garrett –donations have gone way up; program is in pretty good shape.

<u>Legislative Work Group</u>: Shirley Krohn –CSL no general meetings this year; 2021 is still in question; several caucuses throughout State; 3 areas looking at: Covid19 concerns; wildfire consideration; homelessness;.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: Richard Nahm (absent) – \$86 balance remains unchanged as there has been no ACOA general meeting since February 2020.

ACOA future presentation items:

August: Housing White Paper

September: California Senior MediCare Patrol

October: Master Plan For Aging December: Year End Meeting

Items for full ACOA agenda:

Poll general members about meeting in July at June 17 meeting;

Consent Items: Changes to council bylaws; Letter opposing placing COVID 19 positive patients in assisted living communities

Public Comment:

None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.